

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Graduation**  
1960 Abitur, Koblenz

**Military Service**  
1960 – 1962 Lieutenant

**Education**  
1962 – 1964 Munich (Sociology, Philosophy, Journalism)  
1964 – 1966 Münster (Sociology, Philosophy, Journalism)  
1966 – 1967 Free University Berlin (Sociology, Philosophy, Journalism)  
1967 Dr. phil. (*summa cum laude*), University of Münster

**Professional career**  
1971 – 1984 Professor of Sociology, Free University Berlin  
1979 – 1980 Member, School of Social Science, The Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N.J.  
1982 – 1984 Long Term Member , School of Social Science, The Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N.J.  
1984 Permanent Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N.J.  
(offer declined)  
1984 – 1986 Permanent Fellow, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin  
1984 – 2006 Full Professor of Sociology, Free University Berlin  
1986 – 2001 Rektor, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin  
2001 – 2006 Permanent Fellow, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin  
2006 - present Permanent Fellow emeritus, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin

**Visiting Appointments and Fellowships**  
1973 Fellow, Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.  
1974 Visiting Professor, University of Texas, Austin  
1975 Fellow, Center for Advanced Studies, Vienna  
1977 ff. Directeur d'études associé, Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris

1988	Invited Lectures, Collège de France, Paris
1990	Distinguished Scholar, Commonwealth Center for Literary and Cultural Change, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.
1990	Invited Lecture, Collège de France, Paris
1991 - 1992	Chaire Européenne, Collège de France, Paris
1999	Member, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N.J.
2002 - 2004	Director's Visitor and Visitor, School of Social Science, The Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N.J. (Fall terms)
2006	Weidenfeld Visiting Professor in European Comparative Literature, Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom
2007	Warburg Professorship, Hamburg University

### **Professional activities**

1985 -	Advisory Board, Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Cologne (Chairman since 1996)
1991-1994	Van Leer Jerusalem Institute (Trustee)
1991-2001	Collegium Budapest (Chairman of the Board)
1993 -	Deutsche Nationalstiftung, Weimar (Senator)
1994-2008	German-Japanese Dialogue-Forum (Member)
1994-2003	Central European University, Budapest - Warsaw – Prague (Trustee)
1995	"Commission Fauroux", Paris (Member)
1999	Suntory Foundation, Osaka (Councillor)
2001-2004	Theodor-Heuss-Stiftung, Stuttgart (Member of the Board)
2004 -	Axel Springer Co. (Member of the Supervisory Board)
2006-2008	TUM-IAS Institute for Advanced Study Technische Universität München (Trustee)
2007 -	Weidenfeld Scholarship Scheme, Oxford University (Advisory Board)
2007 -	Kulturstiftung des Bundes (Trustee)
2007-2014	Institut d'Etudes Avancées Paris Ile-de-France (Président, Conseil Scientifique)
2009-2013	Genshagen Foundation (Chairman, Advisory Board)
2013 -	Schader Foundation (Senate)
2013 -	Radial Foundation (Trustee)

### **Honors and Awards**

1984	Alexander von Humboldt Prize for French-German Scientific Cooperation, French Ministry for Science and Research
1986	Kulturpreis, City of Koblenz
1988	Karl Vossler Prize, Bavarian Ministry for Culture and Education, Munich
1994	Doctor <i>honoris causa</i> , Sorbonne, Paris
1994	Officer, French Légion d'Honneur
1998	Leibniz-Ring, Hanover
1998	Research Prize in Romance Languages, University of Freiburg
1998	Premio Capo Circeo, Assoziazione Italia-Germania
1999	Joseph Breitbach Prize; Academy of Science and Literature, Mainz

2000	Officer's Cross, Hungarian Order of Merit
2000	Theodor-Heuss Prize
2002	Commander of the Royal Order of the North Star, Sweden
2003	Leibniz Medal; Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities
2003	Prix Chartier; Société Littéraire du Prix Chartier, Paris
2006	Peace Prize of the German Book trade
2007	Berlinpolis. Prize for the best Political Speech in 2006
2007	North Rhine-Westphalia State Prize
2010	Schader Prize
2015	Doctor <i>honoris causa</i> , University of Bucharest

### **Membership in Learned Societies**

1986	German Academy of Language and Literature (Darmstadt)
1987	Academy of Science, Berlin (Founding Member)
1989	Academia Europaea, London
1989	Foreign Member, Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Stockholm
1990	Foreign Member, Royal Swedish Academy of Literature, History and Antiquities, Stockholm
1992	Foreign Honorary Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Cambridge, Mass.
1993	Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (Founding Member; Member of the Board of Directors and Council since 2003; released from his duties since 2006)
1994	Académie Universelle des Cultures, Paris
1994	International P.E.N.
2003	Academy of Fine Arts, Berlin
2004	German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, Halle (released from his duties since 2011)

### **Named Public Lectures**

1991	Sigma-Tau-Laterza Lectures, Rome
1993	Uhlenbeck Lecture, Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Wassenaar
1999	The Tanner Lectures on Human Values, Harvard University
2002	Isaiah Berlin Lecture, The British Academy, London
2003	Karl Jaspers Lecture, Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg
2007	Fritz Stern-Lecture, American Academy Berlin

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

- Melancholie und Gesellschaft*, Suhrkamp, Frankfurt a.M., 1969, paperback ed.  
Suhrkamp Taschenbuch Verlag, Frankfurt a.M., 1972; with new introduction 1998  
Translations: *Malinconia e società*, Guida editori, Naples, 1985; *Melancholy to Shakai*, Hosei University Press, 1987; *Melancholy and Society*, with an introduction by Judith N. Shklar, Harvard University Press, Cambridge/London, 1992
- Ästhetik und Gewalt* (co-author), Bertelsmann Kunstverlag, Gütersloh, 1970
- Soziologische Anthropologie*, Hanser, Munich, 1971, expanded edition: Ullstein, Frankfurt a. M., 1977
- Kritik der Anthropologie* (co-author Helmut Nolte), Hanser, Munich, 1971  
Translations: *Critica dell'Anthropologia*, Feltrinelli, Milano, 1978; *Ningengaku Hihan*, Hosei University Press, Tokyo, 1991
- Das Ende der Naturgeschichte*, Hanser, Munich, 1976; paperback ed. Suhrkamp Taschenbuch Verlag, Frankfurt a. M., 1987  
Translations: *La fine della storia naturale*, Il Mulino, Bologna, 1991; *Shizenshi no Shûen. Jûhasseiki to jûkyûseiki no shokagaku ni okeru bunkateki jimeigainen no hensen*, Hosei University Press, Tokyo, 1992
- Zwei Reden.* (co-author Norbert Elias) *Zur Verleihung des Theodor W. Adorno-Preises an Norbert Elias*, Suhrkamp, Frankfurt a.M., 1977
- Die drei Kulturen. Soziologie zwischen Literatur und Wissenschaft*. Hanser, Munich, 1985; paperback ed. Rowohlt Taschenbuch Verlag, Reinbek, 1988  
Translations: *Le tre culture. Sociologia tra letteratura e scienza*, Il Mulino, Bologna, 1987; *Between Literature and Science: the Rise of Sociology*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge/Éditions de la Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris, 1988; *Les trois cultures. Entre science et littérature. L'avènement de la sociologie*, Éditions de la Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris, 1990; *Las tres culturas. La sociología entre la literatura y la ciencia*, Fondo de Cultura Económica, Mexiko, 1994; *Trzy Kultury. Socjologia miedzy literatura a nauka*, Wydawnictwo Poznanskie, Poznan, 1997; *Mitsuno Bunka. Futsu Ei Doku no hikaku bunkagaku*, Hosei University Press, Tokio, 2002
- Autoren und Wissenschaftler im achtzehnten Jahrhundert*, Hanser, Munich, 1988  
Translations: *Natura e scrittura. Autori e scienziati nel XVIII secolo*, Il Mulino, Bologna, 1992; *Johassêki no Bunjinkagakusha-tachi*, Orion Press, Tokyo, 1992
- Gefährliche Wahlverwandtschaften. Essays zur Wissenschaftsgeschichte*, Reclam, Stuttgart, 1989  
Translations: *Risei no Yume*, Koron Sha, Tokyo, 1992, *Niebezpieczne powinowactwa z wyboru*, Oficyna Naukowa, Warsaw, 1996

*Folgen einer unerhörten Begebenheit. Die Deutschen nach der Vereinigung*, Siedler, Berlin, 1992

Translations: *Conseguenze di un evento inaudito. I tedeschi dopo l'unificazione*, Il Mulino, Bologna, 1993; *Följderna av en oerhörd händelse. Tyskarna efter återföreningen*, Ord & Bild, 1/1993, 41-64.

*Aufstieg und Fall der Intellektuellen in Europa*, Campus, Frankfurt am Main, 1992

Translations: *Ascensão e Declínio dos Intelectuais na Europa*, edições 70, Lisbon, 1995; *Ascesa e declino degli intellettuali in Europa*, Laterza, Rome, 1992; *Ascensiunea si declinul intelectualilor în Europa*, Cluj-Napoca, Casa Cărții de Stiintă, 2005

*Leçon inaugurale*, Collège de France, Paris, 1992

*Sainte-Beuve. Auf der Schwelle zur Moderne*, Hanser, Munich, 1997; paperback ed. dtv, Munich, 2000

Translation: *Sainte-Beuve. Au seuil de la modernité*, Gallimard, Paris, 2002

*Benimm und Erkenntnis*, edition suhrkamp, Frankfurt a. M., 1997

*The Seduction of Culture in German History*, Princeton University Press, 2006

Translation: *La seduzione della cultura nella storia tedesca*, Il Mulino, Bologna, 2009; 德国历史中的文化诱惑, Yilin Press, Nanjing 2010

*Kultur und Politik. Deutsche Geschichten*, Hanser, Munich, 2006; paperback ed. Fischer Verlag, Frankfurt a. M., 2008

Qu'est-ce qu'un intellectuel européen? Les intellectuels et la politique de l'esprit dans l'histoire européenne, Editions du Seuil, Paris, 2007

Translation: ¿Qué es un intelectual europeo? Círculo de Lectores/Galaxia Gutenberg, Barcelona, 2008; 何谓欧洲知识分子, Guangxi Normal University Press, 2011

*Warum war Henry James so schlechter Laune? Geistesarbeiter und ihre Freunde*, Berlin University Press, Berlin, 2007

*Melancolía y utopía*, Arcadia, Barcelona, 2008

*Auguste Comte. Die Macht der Zeichen*, Hanser, Munich, 2010

Translation: *Auguste Comte. Le pouvoir des signes*. Editions de la Maison des Sciences de l'homme, Paris 2012

*Die Macht am Mittelmeer*, Hanser, Munich, 2016

## Editor

Co-editor (with Henning Ritter): *Orte des Wilden Denkens. Zur Anthropologie von Claude Lévi-Strauss*, Suhrkamp, Frankfurt a.M., 1970

Co-editor (with Henning Ritter): *Reihe Hanser Anthropologie*, 1972 ff.

- Co-editor (with Mario v. Cranach, Klaus Foppa, Detlev Ploog): *Human ethology. Claims and limits of a new discipline*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge/Éditions de la Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris, 1979
- Georges Canguilhem. Wissenschaftsgeschichte und Epistemologie. Gesammelte Aufsätze*, Suhrkamp, Frankfurt am Main, 1979
- Co-editor (with Lars Gustafsson): *Carl von Linné, Nemesis Divina*, Hanser, Munich, 1981  
Transl.: *Shinbatsu*, Hosei University Press, Tokyo, 1995
- Geschichte der Soziologie. Studien zur kognitiven, sozialen und historischen Identität einer Disziplin*. 4 vols., Suhrkamp, Frankfurt a.M., 1981  
Translation into Bulgarian under way
- Co-editor (with Loren Graham and Peter Weingart) *Functions and Uses of Disciplinary Histories*. (Sociology of the Sciences Yearbook VII), Reidel, Dordrecht, 1983
- Co-editor (with Daniel Bell and Masakazu Yamazaki): Newsletter *Correspondence*, New York / Berlin / Osaka, 1997/98-2003
- Entangled Histories and Negotiated Universals. Centers and Peripheries in a Changing World*, Campus, Frankfurt/M., 2003